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THE AGAPE MONETA NEWSLETTER

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!





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UNJUST; HE WILL
NOT FORGET YOUR
WORK AND THE
LOVE YOU HAVE
SHOWN HIM AS YOU
HAVE HELPED HIS
PEOPLE AND
CONTINUE TO HELP
THEM."

HEBREWS 6:10

Welcome to the Agape SML monthly newsletter!
We're glad you're here.

Thanks for subscribing to our newsletter, where you can stay up-to-date on everything happening at Agape Center SML!

The Agape Center at Smith Mountain Lake provides mentoring, food, clothing, household goods and more to those in our community who need help through difficult times.

Over 300 volunteers serve an average of 900 families per month from Bedford & Franklin counties.

SAVE THE DATE

2023 SML Charity Home Tour

The Agape Center is again participating in the SML Charity Home Tour. This is an important fundraiser for the Agape Center!



Agape has been assigned the largest home on the Tour and we need your help! The Derr home is located in South Harbor off of Scruggs Rd.

SML Charity Home Tour October 6-8, 2023

We're excited for another year of touring beautiful Smith Mountain Lake homes during the annual Smith Mountain Lake Charity Home Tour!

The Smith Mountain Lake Charity Home Tour is the community fund drive to support critical services for those in need in the Smith Mountain Lake region near Roanoke, Va. The Tour accomplishes this through partnerships with volunteers, charities, businesses and individuals. To date, the Tour has raised nearly \$5 million for local charities.

Eight beautiful lakefront homes are opened to the general public for touring on Columbus Day weekend. Uniquely, all Tour homes are accessible by road and by water, with a significant number of residents and visitors traveling from home to home by private or rented boat.

As one of the local charities supported by the SMLCHT, Agape Center SML has the opportunity to make as much as \$20,000+ from this event. Please consider donating and/or volunteering your time! Help is needed inside each home, on the dock, or directing traffic during five shifts on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

For questions on volunteering, contact Sandra Morse, CHT Agape Team Recruitment Lead at <u>Smorse2626@yahoo.com</u> or 804-641-9257.

Tickets/Donate



"BUT IF I WERE YOU, I WOULD APPEAL TO GOD; I **WOULD LAY MY CAUSE BEFORE** HIM. HE **PERFORMS** WONDERS **THAT CANNOT BE** FATHOMED, **MIRACLES THAT CANNOT BE** COUNTED."

Job 5:8-9

An Agape Miracle



Do you believe in miracles? At Agape, we believe what Jesus tells us in Matthew 19:26...

"With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

Recently, we were blessed to witness a real life miracle! Even the doctors admitted there was no explanation for the healing which took place other than answered prayer.

Read on the learn about God's healing of Paula Brown. Thank you, Jesus, for finding new and exciting ways each day to show us your love and endless mercy!

PAULA'S MIRACLE

When Paula Brown met with Agape mentor Kathy A. recently,

she shared that she was suffering from stage 3 kidney disease. That day, Kathy prayed with Paula for healing and sent her home with scriptures related to restoring health. Kathy also gave Paula the pamphlet "Healing Prayers" to read.

Paula continued to pray.

The following week when Paula had her blood work done, her numbers had moved up and she no longer had stage 3 kidney disease. Her kidneys were almost back to normal! Her doctor was amazed and said that the only possible reason her health had improved was "answered prayer!"

When Kathy A. heard what had transpired, she said, "To God be the glory! I'm so glad we serve a healing God!"

We are so thankful for Paula's improved health and reliance on God. Thank you, Kathy, being such a wonderful resource for Paula.



WALMART BLESSES AGAPE





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2 Corinthians 9:6-8

Thank you so much!

Agape Center SML would like to extend a HUGE thank you to Walmart and the Roanoke Rescue Mission for blessing us with a massive donation of shoes!

We received several HUGE boxes of summer sandals (pictured above) from Walmart via the Roanoke Rescue Mission.

These sandals will be stored safely in the coming months and given out to clients next summer. We can hardly wait!